



PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Lynn Doucette-Stamm et al.

Confirmation No. 3315

**Application No.:** 10/724,972

Group Art Unit: 1645

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Examiner: Padmavathi Baskar, Ph.D.

**Title:** NUCLEIC ACID AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCES RELATING TO  
*STAPHYLOCOCCUS EPIDERMIDIS* FOR DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on March 21, 2006 with the one-month extension of time filed herewith, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 6.